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Briefing

007's Auto

What Washington needs, the Counter Spy Shop has decided, is a terrorist-proof passenger auto equipped to repel any surprise attack, escape under fire or fight back, depending on the circumstances. Just such a vehicle, an elaborately converted black Mercedes 500, goes on sale today at the shop for a price that appears to be negotiable but is said to approach \$250,000.

In addition to complete bullet-proofing, the car has dual steel reinforced bumpers "for ramming," flip-down gun portals to "let you return gunfire through the outer layer of the car," reinforced tires that will not go flat when shot, protective systems for enveloping the car in teargas or smoke, infrared goggles for driving without headlights or through smoke or fog and a tracking system if someone steals the car. There is even a remote ignition control if the driver, as far as a quarter of a mile away, wants to rev up for a flying start.

The auto will be parked today near the intersection of 18th and K Streets NW., near the shop, for inspection by potential purchasers. Tomorrow it moves to a tent on Pennsylvania Avenue opposite the National Theater. Todd M. Gibbons, of the Counter Spy Shop says one Washington embassy has already produced a "serious buyer" and 15 or 20 of the cars are available at any time on 60-day delivery. Ordinarily, the shop deals in smaller items: wire-tapping and debugging equipment, lie detectors and the like.

partment observers could not remember when the Poles had passed up the opportunity to pour Wyborowa on this holiday.

At the embassy, however, a press officer maintained that the celebration had not always been annual but had been scheduled in the past "when the mood is better." To console the deprived, he added that it was likely the embassy would schedule a celebration for Oct. 12, observed as the birthday of today's Polish Army.